

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Public Art Committee, 4 p.m. Jan. 6
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Jan. 11
- Park Board, 7 p.m. Jan. 11
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. Jan. 13
- Transportation Commission, 6 p.m. Jan. 20

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A summary of the Jan. 4 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council discusses boards, commissions

At a work session prior to its regular meeting, the Council began discussing its relationship with advisory boards and commissions.

Applicants for boards and commissions will be interviewed by the Council this week and next. Appointments will be made in February.

The Council decided to meet with the chairs of the boards and commissions early in the year to share its goals and vision for the year so the groups can work more collaboratively.

The Council also agreed to review the attendance policy for boards and commissions. In addition, the Council will consider eliminating dual memberships where a member of one board or commission serves as a representative on a second board or commission. Additional changes to the City Code might be considered to model the board and commission ordinance after that in Bloomington.

Bennett, Sprague take oath of office

Surrounded by their colleagues and family members, Joni Bennett and Josh Sprague took the oath of office as Council Members at the top of the City Council meeting.

Bennett and Sprague were the top vote-getters in the Nov. 2 General Election. In the race for two City Council seats, Bennett, an incumbent,



was the top voter-getter with 10,419 votes. Bennett was first elected to the Council in 2006 after serving on the Transportation Commission.

Sprague, who was a member of the Transportation Commission, received 7,889 votes. He succeeds Scot Housh, who did not seek reelection after having been a member of the City Council since 2001.

Council names new Mayor Pro Tem

Ann Swenson was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

According to State law, the Council must appoint a Mayor Pro Tem at the first meeting of each year. The Mayor Pro Tem fulfills the duties of the Mayor in his absence. Former Council Member Scot Housh had served as Mayor Pro Tem since 2005.

Since Swenson is the longest-tenured member of the Council, Mayor Jim Hovland suggested she be named Mayor Pro Tem.